

REQUEST FORM FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial Number 09/749,596, filed on December 28, 2000, entitled "TECHNIQUE FOR ELECTRONIC FUNDS ESCROW" by the inventor(s) named below.

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- 1a. ☐ Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including a copy of the oath or declaration (___ pages) showing the original signature or an indication it was signed. I hereby verify that the papers are a copy of the latest signed prior application Serial No. 09/749,596. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the present continuation application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

- 1b. [X] Deletion of inventor(s)-The application is filed by fewer than all inventors named in the above-referenced prior application. Please delete the following inventors from this continuation application: Tim Herdklotz and Cheryl Ward
2. [X] Please cancel claims 2-52.
3. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
4. [X] The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application Serial No. 09/749,596 as amended at 2 and 3 above.

| | No of Claims | | Extra Claims | Rate | Fee |
|--|--------------|----------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Total Claims | 23 | Minus 20 | 3 | x \$18.00 | \$54.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | Minus 3 | 0 | x \$80.00 | \$0.00 |
| Basic Application Fee | | | | | \$710.00 |
| If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 | | | | | |
| Total Application Fee | | | | | \$764.00 |
| Subtract 1/2 if small entity | | | | | |
| TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE | | | | | \$764.00 |

- 5a. [] Enclosed is a Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- 5b. [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 was filed in prior application Serial No. _____, the status is still proper and desired.
6. [X] A check in the amount of \$764.00 is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. 09/749,596 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0429.
7. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This application is a continuation of pending Application Serial No. 09/749,596 filed on December 28, 2000.
8. [] Priority of foreign Application Serial No. _____ filed on _____, in _____, is claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified priority document(s) were filed in Serial No. _____, filed on _____.

9. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to:
10. ☐ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:
11. ☒ 84 pages of specification; 0 pages of Declaration; and 36 sheets of informal drawings are enclosed.
12. ☐ Also enclosed: Information Disclosure Statement; with PTO 1449.

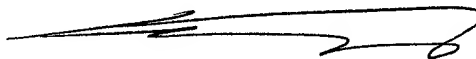
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13. ☒ Two return receipt postcards are submitted herewith.

It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 CFR 1.53(b) application, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

Respectfully submitted

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